

Transportation Committee Meeting
MIRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford
Monday November 14th, 2106
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Jon Colman
Andrea Drabicki
Patrice Carson
Denise Horan
Timothy Webb
John Cabibbo
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Jim Ford
Kevin Kelly
Jeff LaMalva
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
Chris Greenlaw
John Bossi
Stephen Sopolak
Jeff Shea
Jeffrey Doolittle
Rick Zulick
Bill Hawkins
Kevin Berger
David Smith
Duane Martin
Derrick Gregor
Bob Jarvis

Guests

Ryan Dolan
Rich Armstrong
Grayson Wright
Ken Shooshan-Stoller
Ken Fagnoli
Dave Stahnke
Ted DeSantos
Mary Poesse
Member of the Public

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Staff

Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Mike Cipriano	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Tim Malone	CRCOG
Pramod Pandey	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM
2. **Public Forum** – No one choose to speak
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 17th, 2106** - A motion was made by Patrice Carson, seconded by Andrea Drabicki to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 17th, 2016 meeting. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Staff Reports**
 - Transportation Alternatives Program-Mr. Rob Aloise gave a brief update on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. Mr. Aloise mentioned that if a town submitted an application to be prepared to present at a Special Meeting on Friday November 18th from 8:30 AM until 12 Noon and projects will be ranked by the Transportation Committee Members who are in attendance. More information can be found at <http://crcog.org/rfprfg/>
 - FASTLANE Federal Grant Opportunity-Ms. Cara Radzins mentioned to the Committee that the USDOT is requesting Applications for \$850 million in FASTLANE Transportation Infrastructure Grants. Ms. Radzins also mentioned that in September, the Department announced the selection of eighteen projects to receive \$759 million in FASTLANE funding, leveraging \$3.6 billion in funding from other federal, state, local, and private sources. Ms. Radzins said the deadline for submitting applications is 8:00PM on December 15th, 2016. The Department of Transportation will review all eligible applications submitted at <http://www.grants.gov> . For more information about FASTLANE grants, please visit www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/FASTLANEgrants
 - Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis- Ms. Cara Radzins told the Committee that CRCOG will be hosting a final round of public meetings to gather feedback from transit riders on potential CTtransit Service Improvements. The meetings are being scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 5 to 7 PM at the Whiton Memorial Library Auditorium, 100 N. Main Street in Manchester; Wednesday November 30, 2016 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Elmwood Community Center,

Room 29/211 at 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford and Thursday December 1, 2106 from 5 to 7 PM at the Christ Church Cathedral, Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Hartford. More information about the study can be found at www.HartfordTransitStudy.com.

- Public Participation Plan Update-Mr. Pramod Pandey gave a brief update on the Public Participation Plan. Mr. Pandey stated that the Plan has not been updated since 2007. Mr. Pandey stated that due to demographical changes the plan is in the process of updating. He stated that Parson Brinkerhoff was hired to in 2015 to work on these changes.
 - CTrides Quarterly Report-Mr. Ryan Visci gave a brief update on CTrides Quarterly Report. Mr. Visci stated that the third quarter of 2016 focused primarily on developing a holistic marketing plan for the upcoming year and finished with the first outreach-focused events of the year; CTrides College Month, Kick Off Your Commute, Telework Week, a Winter Campaign, Business Forum, Earth Week, & CTrides Week.
 - Safety Resources-Ms. Jillian Massey gave a brief update on Connecticut Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Resources. Ms. Massey stated that more information along with other traffic safety engineering resources can be found on CTDOT's Safety Engineering webpage located at <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3199&q=526424>
 - Every Day Counts-Ms. Jennifer Carrier gave a brief update on Every Day Counts. Ms. Carrier mentioned she attended Every Day Counts (EDC) 4 Regional Innovation Summit in early November. Ms. Carrier stated that the attached handout identify ways to stay involved on EDC nationwide and understand national best practices as well as EDC-4 Innovations that were recently rolled out. Specific information can be found on FHWA's web-site here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation.everydaycounts/> Ms. Carrier encourages your communities to take advantage of the relevant data (such as specifications, best practices, and lessons learned) that will be shared among stakeholders through case studies, webinars and demonstration projects over the next two years.
 - Other-Mr. Jon Colman shared his concerns on the Infrastructure Program. Mr. Colman told the Committee that they should be on alert to see how much money will be put towards projects. He stated more information will be available by March of 2017.
- 5. Air Quality Conformity Analysis-** Mr. Tim Malone gave a brief update on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Mr. Malone stated that CRCOG is required to have a 30-day public comment period for the AQCA that includes a public hearing. The comment period is open from 10-13-16 until 11-14-16. Prior to the Transportation meeting at 12 Noon no one from the public commented. A resolution confirms CRCOG's concurrence with the results of the analysis will be endorsed by the Policy Board on Wednesday November 16th.

6. LOTCIP Program Management –

- On-Call Consultants

Ms. Sotoria Montanari reminded the Committee of the on-call design and construction consultants listed on the LOTCIP web page. Ms. Montanari informed the committee that one of the on-call consultant firms (GM2) was offering a risk management seminar, specifically for the towns. The workshop is adaptive to municipal needs for abbreviated times and provides tools and tips for the municipalities to reduce or minimize risks associated with public works construction projects. Ms. Montanari indicated Mr. Fagnoli of GM2 was available to answer questions regarding the training. Ms. Montanari said if any towns were interested to contact her at CRCOG.

- Marlborough Cost Increase-South Main Street- Ms. Jennifer Carrier reported that the Cost Sub-Committee approved a cost increase request from the Town of Marlborough for the LOTCIP South Main Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Based on the most recent engineering estimate, the Town of Marlborough requested a LOTCIP funding increase of \$174,000, from \$916,800 to \$1,090,800 (19% increase). A motion was made by Peter Hughes, seconded by Patrice Carson to accept the cost increase for the Marlborough South Main Street Pavement Rehabilitation. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Stafford Funding Allocation – Furnace Avenue - Ms. Carrier reported that the Town of Stafford requested to utilize up to \$3,132,250 of LOTCIP funding for the Furnace Avenue Reconstruction Project in Stafford from the following sources that CRCOG has approved for the town:
 - \$250,000 from funding set-aside for a project to be determined. This set-aside was reserved for the town in exchange for CRCOG's use of its AARA funding (prior to Stafford joining CRCOG)
 - \$2,882,250 from the Reconstruction of Gulf Road/Burbank Road project which was approved as part of the 2015 LOTCIP Solicitation. CTDOT has ruled that the project is ineligible due to its inconstancy with recent federal STP-Urban eligibility guidelines (which LOTCIP eligibility mirrors)

Mr. Jon Colman had concerns about having to reclassify the roadway for eligibility and would like to explore avenues to broaden LOTCIP, especially because of the impact on rural communities. A motion was made by Peter Hughes, seconded by Patrice Carson to accept the allocation of \$3,132,250 to Furnace Avenue Reconstruction Project, Stafford. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. TIP Amendments- Ms. Jennifer Carrier reviewed **the TIP** amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson, seconded by Peter Hughes to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Replacement of Highway Illumination at Various Locations in District 1

- 8. Presentation: I-84 Hartford Viaduct & I-84/I91 Interchange Study Updates-CTDOT-** Mr. Richard Armstrong from CTDOT gave a brief presentation on I-84 Hartford Viaduct I-84/Interchange Study Updates.
- 9. Other Business-**There was no other business discussed.
- 10. Adjourn-**The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.